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IN SECTION 5 OF DEPTEL 1147# IT WAS INDICATED DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE FIGURES REGARDING INCOMING SHIPS AND PERSONNEL NEEDED TO INSPECT THEM. AFTER FURTHER REVIEW, DOD HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ACCORDING TO OUR PROJECTION, THE USSR WILL NEED TO SCHEDULE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 100 SHIPS SHORTLY TO ARRIVE IN CUBA DURING THE NEXT 3-4 WEEKS IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH REMOVAL OF DISMANTLED EQUIPMENT. (IN ADDITION TO 60 SHIPS NORMALLY USED FOR OFFENSIVE EQUIPMENT, USSR WOULD HAVE TO ADAPT ABOUT 40 OTHERS FOR THIS PURPOSE.) NUMBER RED CROSS INSPECTORS REQUIRED TO DO JOB WILL BE ABOUT EQUAL WHETHER INSPECTION ON SHIP OR SHORE. WOULD BELIEVE LESS INSPECTORS REQUIRED PER SHIP BECAUSE CARGO HOLDS CANNOT BE PENETRATED AND SURREPTITIOUS OFFLOADING NOT POSSIBLE, BUT MORE INSPECTORS IN TRANSIT SHUTTLE BETWEEN VESSELS AT SEA. IN PORT TRANSIT TIME ELIMINATED BUT MORE INSPECTORS REQUIRED TO WATCH FOR SURREPTITIOUS OFFLOADING AND TO EXAMINE IN DETAIL CARGOES COMING OUT OF HOLD. BECAUSE PORT INSPECTION MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO INSPECT IN PORT. ESTIMATE 10 PERSONNEL NEEDED FOR EACH SHIP ENTERING PORT. EACH DAY, PERSONNEL SHOULD BE OF ADEQUATE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE TO RECOGNIZE OFFENSIVE EQUIPMENT.

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